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Dysart rejects Arts calendar

By Will Jones

Following complaints from local businesses, Dysart Councillors have decided not to include the Arts Council's Event Calendar with its mailed tax bills this year.

First raised at its September 12th meeting, the topic was drawn to councillors' attention following a complaint by a local realtor that it had not been approached and asked if it would like to advertise in the calendar while a rival firm had. Additionally, the local Rotary Club was reported as being disappointed that its events were not included on the calendar.

Reeve Murray Fearrey was quick to state that while the council mails out this calendar it has no control over the content and he was concerned that it was being perceived by local businesses that the council had a hand in producing the document.

To this end, the Arts Council presented a delegation at the October 11th council meeting to attempt to allay concerns. Donna Gagnon, coordinator for the Arts Council, stated that the organisation was grateful for being able to mail out the calendar in the last three years and said she wanted to address any concerns about its content.

Ward One councillor Andrea Roberts said: "The main concern is that the calendar goes out with the tax bills and it could be construed that we support one business over another due to the advertisements within it."

Gagnon replied, stating, "The way we work is to approach our members and our mailing list first and the realtor included within the calendar is a member. Those making the complaint are not members and so were not approached. If, however, they felt strongly about being included they could have contacted us: the calendar has been printed for three years now so I'm sure they know about it."

Reeve Murray Fearrey then asked why the Rotary Club's event had been missed off the events listing and Gagnon responded, again stating that members' events were included, along with those that were confirmed by non-members at the time of going to press.

"Not everyone has their event confirmed in January when we go to press," she said. "However, we'd love to include more events and would be happy to work with others to ensure they are included. But, we aren't the events coordinator for the entire county and can't be expected to include everything from everyone."

Councillors then deliberated on Gagnon's comments before Reeve Fearrey suggested that the events calendar go out in the destination guide.

"It could," said Gagnon, "but the tax bill insert is the best way of reaching local folks."

Councillor Roberts then stated that she was not in favour of including the calendar in the tax bill.

"Is that the general consensus?" asked Reeve Fearrey. The other councillors concurred.



Red Hawk Jessica Bishop hustles to the ball in yesterday's 0-0 tie against Adam Scott.

See Page 13 for full Field Hockey Story /Photo Terrance Gavan

Residents, quarry operator come to terms on noise limits

By Jerry Grozele

The inherent noise associated with a quarry operation prompted a group of Minden area residents to ask Minden Hills council to review its by-law #2007-23, which governs quarry operations.

Reg Holloway and Peter Hynard approached council at the October 13 meeting asking that the by-law be amended to restrict operations at two quarries just north of Minden on Highway 35.

Both Holloway and Hynard, who represented 42 households within 500 metres of the McBain Quarry and a much smaller nearby quarry, noted that the McBain Quarry owner Lorne McNeil has been very cooperative.

Hynard explained that "28 distraught

neighbours of the McBain Quarry met a year ago" at Holloway's residence to see what could be done about the situation. A committee of three people, including Hynard, Stella Burch and Norma Sexsmith, were asked to conduct an impact study.

McNeil was one of the people who attended the first meeting, the goal of which was to come up with a solution that was agreeable to the residents of the area as well as the quarry owner.

A survey was drafted and circulated to all of the property owners who were affected by the quarry's operation.

Hynard said the survey was successful, with a high rate of return. "Our respondents took considerable time and thought in completing their returns," he said.

Hynard said there were no surprises. Distance from the quarry was the most

important factor affecting the impact on its neighbours. The average impact rating, on a scale from 1 to 10, of the 42 residences within 500 metres of the quarry was 7. To clarify, Hynard said a 6 rating stops your outdoor activities; an 8 makes you listen to it from inside your home; and a 10 rating is so bad you want to move.

By comparison, those who live 500 metres to one kilometer from the quarry gave the noise factor a rating of 3. "The farther you live from the quarry the better it is," Hynard said. "This is not rocket science."

He said he was surprised that people living more than a kilometer from the site would hear the quarry at all, until he was working on a tree marking job.

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Dysart et al

Dysart council summary

\$27K for council garage heating

A new heating system for the roads department garage is to cost \$27,000 plus tax. After advertising for proposals to renew the heating system in the building, director of public works, Brian Nicholson reported that only one bid had been tendered.

He recommended that council accept the bid from Walkers Heating and Cooling Systems, for the supply and installation of a new propane system, costing \$27,000 plus HST. Council accepted the recommendation and asked him to proceed with the works.

Cranberry Lake bridge costs

The Greer Galloway Group, engineers for the Cranberry Lake Bridge replacement

project, has presented costs for three new bridge designs ahead of the open house meeting on November 15th. An acrow panel bridge would cost an estimated \$600,300; a modular steel girder bridge would come in at \$568,700; and a precast concrete bridge would cost \$731,300.

Director of public works, Brian Nicholson, recommended that council accept the lowest cost option, stating that other modular steel girder bridges in the county are standing up well to use. A decision will be made after the November 15th meeting.

Council to support Frost Fest

Following some disagreement as to the value of Frost Fest at a previous council meeting, Reeve Murray Fearrey stated at the October 11th meeting

that he thought the event worthwhile and that it should go ahead.

"I'll chair the committee if needs be," said Fearrey. "I think there is willingness there and it is worth trying to keep it going. It was unfortunate about the weather last year but that is the gamble with any outdoor event."

Fearrey also suggested that the BIA be engaged to assist in the event's running so long as the council took the lead. All councillors agreed.

Two new faces for Dysart et al

At the October 11th council meeting resolutions were passed to appoint Tamara Wilbee as deputy clerk, effective immediately; and, Barbara Swannell as treasurer, effective October 24th.



Thousands of art lovers visited our Studio Tour Artists over the last two weekends. Above: some beautiful bowls at Debbie Wales' Studio in Carnarvon.

Head Lake Trail committee to be dissolved

At its October 11th meeting council voted to dissolve the Head Lake Trail committee.

A resolution was presented to councillors by clerk Cheryl Coulson at the request of the committee. It proposed that council decide upon the fate of the committee and choose one of three options: to dissolve the committee; to continue as is; or, to re-establish it to include recreation and programming.

The committee brought forward this resolution because it was felt that the trail was not a priority of the council and that following the decision not to proceed with the floating boardwalk the objectives of the committee needed to be reviewed.

During its September 21st meeting, various Head Lake Trail committee members expressed that they thought the committee had outlived its use and that the needs of the trail could be effectively managed by the Parks and Recreation department.

Discussing the matter at the October 11th meeting councillor Andrea Roberts said: "Two of the main projects put forward by the committee have been rejected by council – both the boardwalk and the trail through the school got negative responses from council due to the financial implications."

Reeve Murray Fearrey stated: "To think we could build a floating boardwalk in these tight economic times is living in a dream world. We have the main street, roads and bridges to think about before we can consider this type of proposal."

Roberts then asked if the work of the committee would be picked up by Parks and Recreation? "Ray [Miscio] would have to assume the work and costs associated with it," she said.

The Reeve agreed and recommended that the trail committee be dissolved and thanked for the valuable contribution to the community.

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After the meeting Gagnon said: "The Arts Council is with Dysart et al's decision. If we don't print the calendar we'll have to fundraise an additional \$3000 another way. But, we have two other municipalities who we're waiting to hear from and we hope they'll send out the events calendar in their tax bills because in the past they've told us how valuable their constituents have found it."

Ex-councillor Janis Parker, who helped instigate the insert while in office, commented: "I am very disappointed at the council's decision, as I had to fight to get the calendar insert in the tax bills initially. However, if that is the council's policy then so be it."

Stories by Will Jones

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County news

Minden Hills council asked to amend quarry noise by-law

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He said he could hear the excavator "banging and clanging all day" and his GPS said he was 1,500 metres away. "The sound travels right across Mountain Lake to some homes," he said.

The solution, Holloway, Hynard and the group of property owners came up with is to restrict the operation of heavy equipment in quarries in built up areas to a period from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays, not including statutory holidays.

"We think this is the best compromise in that it would allow residents complete peace and quiet in the early hours when some people are still sleeping, in the evenings when most people want to barbecue or have friends over, and on weekends when the cottagers are here," Hynard said. "At the same time it would give the quarry a normal 40 hour work week."

When McNeil was advised about the potential solution, he is quoted as saying: "I can live with that."

It was stressed that any restrictions be limited to the operation of heavy equipment since some of the splitting of the rock is done manually and workers prefer to do


that work early in the morning before the temperatures rise and it becomes too uncomfortable to do that kind of work.

Council was presented with a comprehensive six-page summary of the Quarry Impact Survey.


The small quarry operation was included in the requested by-law review not because it is a problem now, but because of the possibility that it could pose a noise problem in the future.

Although noise was the main concern of the people who live near the quarry operations, it isn't the only concern. Property values were also on the list. An example of a waterfront home that has been for sale on Mountain Lake near the quarry was cited. Council was told that the cottage has been for sale for more than a year and in spite of the asking price being reduced by \$100,000, the owners have been unable to sell because of the noise generated by the nearby quarry.

Council agreed to refer the hours of operation by-law to staff for review and a recommendation will be forthcoming for council's consideration.




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Editorial opinion



Privilege and pleasure: a personal note

By Stephen Patrick

For three and a half years, a stint that ended last June, I was privileged to be the editor and editorialist of the late lamented County Voice.

What the experience taught me was, first, that hard print newspapers are not dead, at least certainly not in rural Canada. Our readers were passionate, literate, opinionated, and strictly fair. They respected divergence of opinion, along with social and personal difference. They embraced diversity and celebrated controversy, even when the fire and passion of politics were involved. Occasionally they would chastise me for “making the news, instead of just reporting on it,” but they certainly kept reading.

Secondly, when they thought we were right, they let us know: when we were wrong and admitted it, we were forgiven in a flash.

Thirdly, our readers showed week after week how deeply dedicated they are to the betterment of their community, this County of Haliburton.

As we start this new venture, perhaps fittingly by staying up half the night last week at various campaign headquarters in order to report on the provincial election, I want to say to our readers on behalf of all the staff of the fledgling Highlander just how much I look forward to continuing the conversation we’ve had over the years, and how grateful I am for the support and encouragement we’ve already received.

Election divide once again

In conversations this week with defeated MPP Rick Johnson and the victorious returnee Laurie Scott, the subject of the so-called “urban-rural divide” in electoral Ontario kept coming up. To Ms. Scott, this really extreme separation politically was partly the result of rural voters having a deeper and more “rooted” sense of fiscal and community values than their counterparts in the big burbs and burbs. She also freely admitted that her own party campaign miscues and inability to get out its message efficiently was also clearly partly to blame. Also, she felt that politics somehow mattered more in rural communities, perhaps because so many of the citizenry relied so heavily on their neighbours, family and friends for social and business survival. So the idea of loading a few HST cents on home heating oil really seemed wrong, a policy tailored to the so-called city wealthy, the economists, and the economic elite – a policy out of touch with the realities of day to day rural life.

Mr. Johnson also bemoaned the “divide,” particularly since it clearly cost him his seat. He also pointed to the centre-left vote split that bedeviled the Liberals all across rural Ontario. But he too admitted that there was a different sensibility at work here that was very difficult for his party to reach, despite its generations of support from southwestern rural communities, for example.

For my part, Haliburton County has always seemed an intensely layered and complex community, made even more so by so many cottagers and others deciding to make it their permanent home. Johnson says he can’t believe how envious and admiring his Queen’s Park colleagues were of our vibrant arts community, as well as our equally intense media scene, to name just two areas of community life.

The next few years politically at least will to no small degree be charged with the challenge of understanding and dealing with this important issue.

How it all went down

By Bram Lebo, Publisher



It’s not every day you start up a newspaper.

But when The County Voice ceased operations, it got a few of us thinking.

I used to publish a set of online newspapers and destination guides, but since moving to the Highlands three years ago, I had been in an unhappy state of semi-employment. I’d work for clients down in the city and hated every time I had to lock up and head to that noisy, cement-covered madhouse called Toronto. Maybe it’s because I grew up there that I know all the glass towers in the world don’t add up to a single brilliant autumn day like the ones we’ve had this month; or that no fancy party is ever as rewarding as the simple act of saying hello to friends and neighbours when you see them in town.

But there aren’t many jobs for a guy like me in the Highlands. So I had joined the board of HHHS, and started volunteering at Canoe FM, and met the greatest people doing the most amazing things.

When the opportunity came up, I had just finished a project and was starting to think about what to do next. I called Stephen Patrick and asked him if he thought somebody should do something. He had already talked to Jack Brezina, the former editor and publisher of the Minden Times, and Terrance Gavan, former Voice and Echo reporter/editor and the three of them were wondering the same thing.

Stephen of course was the founding editor of the County Voice and had decades of experience in newspapers, radio and television, as well as a lifelong connection with Haliburton County. With Jack and the rest of the team, we thought we had a pretty good idea what we were doing.

A couple of days later, on September 26 over lunch at McKecks, we decided I would write a business plan for HCDC and potential investors. We’d see if we could make the numbers work. HCDC couldn’t see us until October 19, so we had some time. Or so we thought.

Just four days later, I was at Canoe FM and in walks a man looking for the sales manager.

Dave wasn’t around and so I asked what I could do for him.

“I’d like to advertise my new newspaper,” said the man from Barry’s Bay.

Oh, you’re starting a newspaper too?

He thought I was putting him on. What followed was a cross between a school yard fake-out and a Monty Python routine. You can’t make this stuff up. But I knew one thing: he was serious.

I called Jack and Stephen and told them we had seven days to get a paper out or we would be launching next to a competitor, a potential disaster in a small market. No time for HCDC or investors — we had to go or fold.

So here we are.

It’s been a bit scary, but we’re a determined bunch. With some help from our respective news posses, and the hard work of Jack, Stephen, Terry, Walt & Heather, we got it done, even overcoming the final hurdle when a certain newspaper conglomerate bought all the County Voice boxes before we had a chance to ask about them. (We really must be intimidating!)

Now comes the hard part: building on what we started to create something that will last. We are very grateful to the Highlands, and to the business community in particular for their incredible support these past two weeks.

Who starts a business in the middle of a recession? In one of the smallest but most competitive markets in the province? Without knowing if there will be any help from HCDC or anyone else? In an industry the pundits say is quickly dying?

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Thank you for your support.

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Letters to the editor

Ontario Liberals are proud of signs and campaign

Dear Editor,

I am writing to correct some information that was provided in your editorial last week. The Ontario Liberal Party changed it’s colours along with it’s logo to maroon (pantone 201) from the traditional red, 15 years ago when Dalton McGuinty was elected leader. Ontario Liberals have fought the last 5 elections in this riding (1999 General, 2003 General, 2007 General, 2009 Byelection and 2011 General) under these colours. The change was made at the time to signify the difference between the federal Liberal Party and the provincial party. Much the same as today’s Ontario PC’s and Federal Conservative party’s both use blue, just different versions of the colour.

Ontario Liberals are proud of our heritage. Rick Johnson used the same colours, and in many cases the same signs during the 3 elections that he has fought under the Liberal banner. Your assertion that his choice of using burgundy was indicative of his being non-committal to the party is therefore wrong.

I also wish to point out that your list of supposed wrongs that our government was responsible for was the G8 conference, a completely federal issue.

While your editorial is a matter of opinion. I take exception to the remark that our campaign was lacklustre. In actuality, Rick Johnson received nearly 1000 votes more than when he won in 2009, while the conservative candidate received 2000 less votes than her previous result in 2007. Our candidate logged nearly 10,000 kilometres on his car traveling this riding over the last 30 days so when you say he was tired. There was a reason: he worked hard. At the end of the day, it wasn’t enough- but Ontario Liberals including Rick Johnson can hold their heads high for the clean, issue based campaign that they ran and the positive results that they delivered over the past 2 1/2 years.

Sincerely,
Paul Hough, Campaign Manager, Rick Johnson Campaign

Editor’s note: *Queen’s Park was responsible for many aspects of the security fiasco during the G8.*

re: Glebe Park goes to the dogs

Dear Editor:

I just finished reading the article entitled Glebe Park goes to the dogs, here are just a few of the reactions I had.

My first thought was ... what about the unwanted dogs in the community that have no hope, where is their money? Where is the shame of being a dog breeder? We are supposed to get behind a dog breeder with tax money etc, what is wrong with this picture?

I know the answer all breeders give, nothing new here, she will say no doubt that her case of breeding is special because she is only one of three breeders in Canada (in her case) that raises Australian Koolies . Other breeders say they do it only for the love of the breed, money means nothing to them etc etc , Do not believe it.

In an area that has such a poor record with unwanted animals (the whole world has a poor record) and we are to ask for a \$15,000 fence, and possible govt grants in the future?

Now we live in a free country, people can do as they wish, can buy a dog from a breeder rather than rescue a dog that is set to die, but by golly I do not think taxpayer money should be going towards it. Personally aside from the dogs, when are we going to stop raising taxes for community centres, arts and now possibly a swimming pool we do not need.

If people want such a park, I think it would be fine if it was all done with private money, I’m sure there must be a piece of property that could be borrowed, leased or purchased.

Haliburton County, just like the rest of the country does not have a very good record of looking after/rescuing unwanted dogs, what troubles me the most is how a person can hold their head up high, refer to themselves as a breeder, and feel that there is no problem with that? I just do not understand.

Perhaps if she was training seeing eye dogs, would not be quite the same. Why is there no stigma of being a dog breeder?

Diane May
Haliburton Ontario

“The Centre ... does not have ... a single hanging basket.”

Dear Editor:

Thanksgiving Weekend was a splendid time to be in the Haliburton Highlands this year. The perfect weather conditions brought out creatures great and small, walking, biking and driving. Celebrating the fall harvest is always memorable with family, friends and neighbors. Driving around the dazzling lakes and rivers of the Highlands, up the hillsides, and along the back roads provides numerous photo stops in between the Studio Tour Markers. The deciduous trees dressed in crimson, yellow and orange ,with just a whisper of green interspersed in the tree tops was delightful!

We found many wonderful welcoming signs of Fall to view around the County, and at street level on Bobcaygeon Road in downtown Minden, the spring/summer hanging baskets and planters are still blooming despite the severe frost this month and the eclectic banners hand crafted by local children and adults, attractively bedeck the air space above the sidewalks. This is a pleasurable sight for visitors and residence of the County. The eye- catching displays and the welcoming signs on the shop windows encourages people to stop look and visit.

Despite the fact that the Minden Hills Cultural Centre is close to “downtown” and is also on Bobcaygeon Road, the Centre does not have, and has not had, a single hanging basket, no planters, not a pot of spring/summer flowers nor any type of seasonal decoration. There is no curb appeal, no focal point, nothing to attract the attention of a passer- bye. Not even a large attractive welcoming sign to say “Come In We’re Open” is visible. What a contrast to the downtown area. How very lamentable and extremely disappointing !

Sharon Lawrence and
Family, Friends, and Visitors.

The Outsider

The wisdom of wood

By Will Jones

Oh for the gentle wisdom of a Haliburtonian, a Mindenite or Kinmounter (Kin...mounter! that can’t be right): the contemplative knowledge of a Wilberforcian, Gooderhamist or Gelert..., hmm, bloke from Gelert. Alas, to date I possess none of this zen-like intelligence but am blessed only with a Londoner’s lack of patience and need for instant gratification. Let me tell you a little story to try to explain.

When, a while back, I moved from England to your fair county, it was midwinter. The temperature was lower than a turtle’s belly and the snow deeper than the voice of that fellow on the Ram pickup ads.

I ordered a face cord of logs to warm my rented home and they were delivered the very next afternoon. I neglected to stack them until the following morning (other things, like chipping the icicles off of Little Z’s extremities to worry about) only to find that they had frozen into a single hard mountain that I could break apart only with repeated swings of a large axe: the axe I had thought I would not need to purchase because the logs were already chopped and split. Fast forward six months to the next July. On buying my own home in Haliburton I was overjoyed to find it heated exclusively by hydro. Can you imagine my smug happiness? The simplicity of turning the heat on and off at the flick of a switch; the ease of cranking the thermostat up

a notch or two; my self satisfied grin at knowing I’d never have to trudge out into the yard at 8.30 on a frigid winter’s evening to fetch logs for the fire.

I have since overwintered in my electricity-eating home. I have spent many a dark winter’s night listening to the hum of the hydro meter as it whirs round at a rate of knots so swift that it actually produces a small amount of residual heat by friction alone. Don’t worry though, this writer has pockets so deep he can tuck himself, wife and son right into them and cuddle together to keep warm: that, or burn dollar bills, which seems comparatively cheap when compared to hydro heating.

But this is not my point. Your wisdom is what I wish to discuss and I now start to see where it is garnered. I recently agreed to do a friend a favour and stack some logs for her. “Yeah, sure I’ll help,” I glibly said. The next day I drove round to her house, only to almost pass right on by as it was hidden behind a pile of logs so large I would need ropes, crampons and an oxygen tank to scale it!

But, a promise is a promise and so I set about stacking logs. The task was daunting at first but I soon got into the swing. Load the barrow, push it up the steep driveway (did I mention she lived on a hill), stack logs and repeat. I made good headway for the first half hour, powering through fuelled by macho bravado and a stubborn insistence that no tree was going to get the better of me. I started to flag after an hour but then a strange thing happened: my

mind, my body, my whole being became ‘at one’ with my task and I settled into a steady work rhythm; an almost meditative state of load, push, stack, push, load...

Though my body toiled I found my mind free to wander. I wondered about the ills of the world and the short sightedness of our governments. I marvelled at the warm autumn day in which I worked. My thoughts flitted from fishing tactics to fundamentalist regimes, from what’s for lunch to why can’t we train beavers to chop and stack logs?

And then I grasped it; the meaning of wood-fired stoves. While yes, they do save you money on your hydro bills, you guys don’t have them for that reason alone. You burn wood because it allows you time to stack logs, to think, to reflect and to contemplate life, the world and everything in it.

After three hours of steady stacking my chore was done and promise fulfilled. And I felt great, renewed even. My mind felt refreshed and clear. I felt full of Canadian wisdom.

The next morning I ached like an arthritic pack pony but that’s another matter.



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Aging Well

By Penny Brown

For many of us past the age of 60, catching a glimpse of ourselves in the mirror can be downright upsetting. What has happened to the straight spine, the luminous skin, the fluid movements of youth? Where is the person we remember, the one we could count on to be strong enough to get the job done -- whatever that job might have been. The brutal reality is a shock: getting old is not for sissies.

Perhaps you find getting out of bed a chore you never thought you'd need to put on your to-do list. Could be you worry about climbing into the bath tub or reaching for a can on the top shelf. You may be concerned about what kind of exercise is safe at your age, and rather than risk injury, you don't exercise at all. Walking on uneven ground may be frightening and walking in the snow can be a nightmare.

Still, we think if we're going to live well it's just a matter of attitude. Yes and no. Attitude counts, of course. But knowing how to make life easier as you age counts too.

There are lots of things you can do to save your strength and put the pleasure back in your days. There are aids you can use to reduce the strain on your muscles or joints. There are devices that make the simple activities of daily living simple again and techniques you can learn to make jobs less tiring and easier too.

In this column, you'll get tips and tactics for living well. We can talk about exercises to keep you fit without injuring yourself in the process. In fact, you'll discover ways you've never thought of to make life simpler and safer.

You may have many questions about living well in your senior years and as a physical and occupational therapist, I probably have the answers for you. If I don't, I'll know where to find them.

For example, since winter will soon be here with heavy snow and icy conditions, you may be concerned about taking a tumble and hurting yourself. Or perhaps you suffer with the cold and find walking difficult or painful in winter. You may be wondering if better snow boots might be the answer.

If you are thinking about a new pair of boots this season, choosing the right ones makes very good sense. Indeed, a proper snow boot can significantly lower your risk of injury and prevent some of the medical conditions often associated with cold. So let's examine



the features of a good snow boot.

Snow boots are more than winter boots. Snow boots are built for warmth and designed to keep you safe in deep snow and heavy winter conditions. The best and safest snow boots will protect you from the chill as well as provide added protection from slips and falls in snowy or slippery conditions.

Good snow boots may be made of rubber, leather or a synthetic fabric such as nylon. Whatever they are made of, they must be reliably waterproof, easy to wipe clean and fairly light in weight. They must also be easy for you to pull on and have excellent tread on the sole.

Another great feature to look for is called a snow gator. A snow gator is a fabric insert attached inside, near the top of the boot. It's like an inside sleeve with a draw string so you can snug it up around your calf to keep the snow out of your boots even when you step into deep drifts.

That's the general idea of what to look for. Still, there are other features to consider as well.

First, it's important that your feet stay warm and dry, so look for a mid-calf boot or one that goes even higher. Remember too that zippers can be hard to manage and sometimes get stuck in the cold, so a pull-on boot is best. Make sure your boots are not so tight around the calf that they interfere with circulation and not so loose that they can pull off in a snow drift.

Next, the boots should be lined with an insulating fabric or fur. They must be roomy enough around the foot and ankle so you can wear wool or heavy cotton socks to wick up the moisture if your feet perspire. Be sure to try the boots on with the socks you plan to wear.

Finally, you want your boots to be as slip resistant as possible, which means you must examine the sole carefully. Choose a sole with excellent traction. It may have rubber cleats or it may be a textured rubber—like a snow tire—with a really good grip. Ideally, the sole will look strong and still be lightweight.

Snow boots come in a wide range of prices and it is possible to find inexpensive ones that fit the bill if you know exactly what to look for.

If you have other questions—about your mobility, your comfort, or just about getting through your day more safely and easily, I want to hear them.

Want to know how to shower safely? How to wash dishes and save your energy? How to loosen up those tired joints in the mornings? Don't be shy. For real-life answers you can use, write to penny@haliburtonhighlander.ca.

Election follow-up

Laurie Scott and Rick Johnson reflect on the campaign

By Stephen Patrick

This past week defeated Liberal incumbent MPP Rick Johnson and winning Conservative party veteran Laurie Scott were taking time to come to grips with the decisive local result delivered in last Thursday's provincial election.

The joy of victory, the agony of defeat. Politics is, after all is said and done, about supporting one human being and one cause over another human being and their cause. This unequivocal personal rejection can be at least if not more devastating to candidates and their families than any defeat on the ice, the football field, or at the hands of a boss, or a corporation.

Months of work, hand shaking, dealing with hostile crowds (Rick was pursued in the streets by Tory workers shouting, "There's the tax man, there's the tax man." Laurie was regularly asked point blank: "Why did you lie to us last time round and resign in favour of John Tory?")

And so it went. Both Johnson and Scott managed to make time for the Highlander this week to reflect on the result.

For Rick Johnson, a successful musician and business man, former school trustee and board chair, the defeat wasn't exactly bitter, or unexpected. "We basically needed 5,000 or so of Laurie's voters from 2007 to stay home. But in the end that didn't happen, and Laurie's vote went down by only about 2000 votes, and we couldn't make up the remaining 3000. Despite the number of voters who voted the person, not the party, we still felt we had a chance.

"But it's frustrating, because we tried to keep it a local issues campaign, and they were using the attack-ads on McGuinty, 'The Tax Man'. I tried to focus on what I'd done, and this is what we plan to do over the next four years, while we faced this onslaught about taxes, and frankly Laurie only turned up at two debates. We tried to get out the message that the Tories' plan to cancel the McGuinty agreement on uploading municipal services would push your property taxes through the roof. (Dysart Reeve) Murray Fearrey was warning about that all through the summer, saying this is going to kill us.

Johnson was also frustrated by the constant double message he got from many voters, who demanded more and better services, and at the same time complained about taxes. "If people truly want tax cuts, then we must have that conversation about what services they want to give up."

Johnson also reflected on what is clearly a deep urban-rural divide. If you take a look at an electoral map of Eastern Ontario, there are red Liberal splashes in Peterborough,

Kingston, and Ottawa: all the rest are a deep Tory blue. "It's frustrating because rural Ontario needs our help as well as the federal government's – which has been difficult to deal with over farming policy. Once again, we deliver to the farmers, but sorry, we've always voted Tory. And you know, the majority of the electorate in our riding voted for left of centre candidates.

"There's also going to be trouble for Mr. Hudak in that Randy Hillier's Landowners group gained at least four seats – and they're going to want to be heard. And they're not going to get any votes in Toronto, and may indeed split off on their own."

Johnson has no regrets about his campaign: "We were committed to running a positive, issue based campaign, on the government's record, and my record. We didn't reference Laurie's resigning for John Tory, for example, we didn't use that."

For the future, Johnson says he'd consider any Liberal party interest in his contributing to politics in the future, behind the scenes, or in a more public role. "I've loved the job, the connection with constituents, the ability to really help people. That was really rewarding, and I wouldn't have missed it for the world."

Laurie Scott was taking a few days away from politics as well: incumbents have a couple of weeks to vacate constituency offices, and so on. While Hudak rearranges his staff in light of his party's defeat, Scott is taking the time to reflect on what's coming up for her, and her party, over the next two or three years. "It's been a long two and half years for me, and I'm honoured, and delighted as well that the election is over. People really have a case of voter fatigue, after the federal election and last year's municipal elections. I'm guessing as well that this government will also last a few years, no one expects an early election. For one thing, nobody has any money left!"

Scott admits that her victory was without question a local one: her wagon wasn't tied exclusively to her party's provincial presence: "I was very fortunate that I have deep roots all across the riding, and people were very generous with their time and their support."

At the Haliburton all-candidates debate, Scott referred to her vocation as a nurse as being an important part of her make-up as a politician: "I trained as a nurse right out of high school, and yes, I think it teaches you a lot about how to care for people, how to involve yourself in their lives, really how to help. I also learned so much from my father [long-time federal MP Bill Scott] about how important helping was, how you had to put aside political differences once you were elected. And my grandfather Scott was also a very caring man in the community, he was the game warden, but he also understood that people could be very poor, and there was no shortage of deer.

But there's no question that my local roots, and my understanding of the people in this riding was very important. People like to talk about the past, their history, and what their local

needs were. I found that a lot of my constituents really wanted local solutions to services, not a province-wide cookie-cutter approach."

Laurie Scott doesn't yet know what her role will be in the new legislature: "We haven't discussed that, we're concentrating on orientation sessions for the new members, of which we have a lot.

"I've got a lot of background, have been a committee member of critic, I know the agriculture, and small business portfolios, but we have about 16 new MPPs, so we need time to assess the skills we have. And when you look at the electoral map, there are only about two rural ridings that aren't Conservative.

"We obviously didn't get our message out in the cities, and we have to worry about that, it's not a good thing for the party, or the province. It worries me, yes. Rural Ontario really understands politics, and somehow we have to get some of our ideas across to the cities. But the divide seems to be getting worse, and we have to get our act together in that regard"

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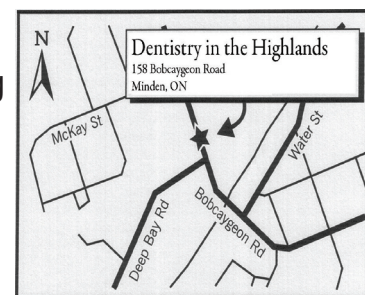
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Junior Highlanders



HHSS Honours & Awards Ceremony

Top: The 2011 HHSS School Letter for all round achievement were presented to, from left to right, Teghan Dodds, Mikaela Charlebois, Jenna Dibblee, Scott Griffith, Nicole Jennings, Paige Roberts, and Tara O'Sullivan.

Left: The 2011 Queen Elizabeth II "Aiming for the Top" Scholarships were presented to, from left to right, Tiffany vanLieshout, Tyler Gilligan, Jenna Dibblee, Sophie Creelman, and Lindsey Pogue (absent from picture, Cameron Cox).

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Around the county

Importance of wetlands message delivered to local councils

By Jerry Grozelle

The importance of wetlands is a message that Paul Heaven brought to the Highlands East council meeting on October 4. The presentation was part of the Haliburton Highlands Stewardship Council's Decision Makers' Information Series.

The goal of the presentation, which will be made to all four Haliburton County municipalities, is to educate the county's decision makers so they can make informed decisions when policies are being developed that will involve wetlands.

Heaven said the intention is to bring councils up to speed on what wetlands are and how the different types of wetlands in the county are identified. He outlined the values associated with those wetlands and what protections are in place.

Wetlands rarely function alone, Heaven noted. They are usually part of a complex system of different kinds of wetlands.

Heaven said there are four types of wetlands -- fens, bogs, swamps and marshes.

Paul Heaven

Stewardship Council's

"We've got 20,000 wetlands in the county and I think we've only really investigated about six different wetland complexes and all of those wetlands we've looked at, all qualified as provincially significant."

Marshes are characterized with sections of open water with sedges, which are grass-like plants, and lily pads, for example. The water is stagnant, but contains enough oxygen to promote the decay of vegetation. The biodiversity of a marsh is high -- with a variety of flora and fauna.



A fen is a mat of vegetation over peat. Tamaracks and bog rosemary are often present, along with pitcher plant, sedges and sphagnum moss. Fens are low in oxygen and nutrient poor.

A bog is also a mat of vegetation over peat, but the plant life includes black spruce, laurels and mountain holly, among others. A bog has even lower oxygen levels than a fen and poor nutrients.

"Bogs and fens are very harsh environments," Heaven said.

The swamp is the most diverse of the four wetland types found in Haliburton County. Some are characterized with low shrubs or tall shrubs such as alders. Other species of plants include black ash and red maple (deciduous swamps) or black spruce and cedar (coniferous swamps).

Wetlands provide a transition zone for wildlife between uplands and aquatic habitat so they are used by wildlife that are associated with both types of habitat. All types of wildlife flourish in wetlands from macroinvertebrates that

make up the base of the food chain to moose. In between are insects, fish, songbirds, waterfowl, as well as a variety of mammals, reptiles, and amphibians.

Wetlands also act as holding areas for groundwater. They help prevent flooding and they filter the groundwater that finds its way into wells. Depending on the soil type, as much as 100,000 gallons of water per acre per day can filter into the ground. They also enhance surface water quality. Harmful bacteria are filtered from the ground water by wetlands. Up to 92 per cent of phosphorous and 95 per cent of nutrients can be removed from a watershed draining through a wetland.

Wetlands provide a variety of recreational opportunities, ranging from hiking and bird watching to fishing and hunting. Heaven said organizations such as Yours Outdoors offer excursions to wetlands.

Resources such as cedar and black spruce lumber, wild rice, blueberries and cranberries, as well as and furbearing animals such as beavers, muskrats and

mink are the products of wetlands.

Only a handful of Haliburton County's estimated 20,000 wetlands, which have been identified by Ducks Unlimited, in cooperation with the Ministry of Natural Resources, have been evaluated. "That's one of the challenges we've got in the county," Heaven said. "We've got 20,000 wetlands in the county and I think we've only really investigated about six different wetland complexes and all of those wetlands we've looked at, all qualified as provincially significant. The larger the wetland, the better the chance of that wetland being provincially significant, so if you are going to sink dollars into wetland evaluation, that's a good place to start."

He said habitat for species at risk is a factor in assessing a wetland as provincially significant.

Heaven said Haliburton County is more dependent on wetlands than most people realize. Water quality, recreational opportunities, flood control, resources and wildlife habitat are important to the county's economy.

One of the questions asked was in regard to the cost of doing a wetland evaluation. Heaven said it is difficult to give an answer to that question because the cost is dependent on the size of the wetland. "Cost is one of the deterrents to doing a wetland evaluation," he said. "They can be expensive." He said it may be enough to just flag wetlands that are ecologically important. It may not be necessary to have them declared to be provincially significant to protect them.



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Sports news



The Hawks defence chased down LCVI runners all day at the Red and White home opener on Sept. 30. /Photo Terrance Gavan.

Football is? Kids on a field – a special mélange of life

By Terrance Gavan

Autumnal splendor?

Bah! Humbug! When it's raining, cold and a ruddy gale is blowing off Head Lake onto the Gary Brohman Field? You can have it.

On those days? I get cranky. I have to wrap my Canon camera in plastic and expose my trigger finger to that harsh autumnal splendor. I huddle on the sideline, shivering and cursing. I listen to comedy on my iPhone. Lewis Black and Russell Peters.

I love fall football. Watch me shivering on that cold goshdarn sideline. You will see a smile on my schmoosh. Roger Kahn once wrote. "Football is violence and cold weather and sex and college rye."

The sex part I still don't get. College Rye was erased from the realm of possibilities on March 20, 1998.

Now? We have the violence and the cold weather. And my Red Hawks. So I watch. I curse to myself a lot. But I diligently process the battle. Fumbles, shorn tackles and passes; caught and missed. Cold sideline shots. Grainy muffled shuttered captures of muddy jerseys. I wear my Wellies – rubber boots - and I watch these kids. For moments.

These kids I know. Not well. But I watch them giving it up on the delinquent mud of Gary Brohman Field. Every one of them offering their best for the school they love. The play for their coaches; and the fans who line that sideline; for mom's and dad's who sit on those abominable hemorrhoid-inducing metal stands.

Roger Kahn

American sportswriting icon

"All my life I've tried to write literature. I am aware that like Stan Musial or Ted Williams at the bat most of the time I've failed. But the critical word is 'try.' That effort has been a wonder of my life."

Both Red Hawks football clubs are enduring this season. Enduring is a beautiful word. It encompasses so much. In sports the word 'enduring' invariably conjures the bleak traipse of a less than stellar season.

So the senior Hawks, who went undefeated last season, find themselves on the distaff side of the equation. They're 0-4 this season. Coaches Derek Little and Tim Davies will point to a whole passel of graduating seniors. There have been injuries as well. Running back Louis Ferracuti is lost for the season with a re-broken collarbone, and will not be playing basketball or rugby either. Drew Paul, Scott Griffith and receiver Ian Bottum have all graduated.

Little and Davies, along with their young team, are living, learning, rebuilding and enduring.

Bruce Griffith's junior team is 1-3 this year. They still have an outside chance at a playoff berth. But they'd have to run the table and win their next two games. Griffith says that he's hopeful, but the seminal stumbling block is Brock High. They are big, says Coach Griffith, smiling.

So the young juniors are also "enduring."

Let's get straight on one thing. There's nothing shameful here. No harm done. If the coaches are also mentors, these travails can be placed in perspective. One can endure and learn valuable lessons.

Case in point. This year's red and white homecoming game at Hal High was played in a bitter squall. Rain blowing in off Head Lake with an audacity usually reserved for hurricanes.

Let's just say that we got to see "a" version of football at the home-openers. Not the pretty version. Not the one we

like to watch. Under friendly autumn skies. Where cleats grab turf and find purchase; running backs hold onto the football; and wide receivers are actually able to feel their fingers; and Quarterbacks are actually able to pivot and throw. Not pivot and divot and topple onto greasy turf.

At the end of the senior game?

A Haliburton lineman went over to the Lindsay CVI kid who had blocked him all game. "Man," he said, tired, mud-stricken and cold. "Was that you? Out there? Pushing on me all day? That's a great job you did out there... great job. Nice game. You're good buddy." Enduring equals maturity.

Do you know what Coach Bruce Griffith's juniors were doing on the last three plays of the game? In clamoring darkness? And biting cold?

They were down and they were cheering. Loudly and exuberantly, in spite of the foregone conclusion out there on the Brohman pitch. They were chanting and enjoying the moment on the sidelines, as heck was busting loose overhead. And then they all ran to centerfield to shake hands with LCVI.

Kahn says he tries to write literature. He chose sports. Because Kahn knew that his job included more than the score. This life behind a keyboard entails finding something deeper than statistics.

So I just wanted to leave you with those moments of "endurance."

Football is still violence and cold weather and sex and college rye.

But beneath the trope of that colloquial mélange?

We know that football is players and coaches and mentors and battles. And life jumbled with grudging respect for the opposition. It's leaving it all on the field.

Football is really about knowing where to draw the line; and above all, knowing how to handle the endgame.

I love football.

Sports news

Haliburton Curling Club's AGM sweeps in on Sunday

By Terrance Gavan

Curling season at the Haliburton Curling Club began in earnest this week.

Oh and just a reminder that the Annual General Meeting is slated for Sunday, Oct. 16. There will also be practice ice available Sunday morning for four hours or so. AGM's as everybody knows are blasts.

My own curling year started last Tuesday evening in the mixed league. I didn't throw one rock in preparation. I never stretch. I don't run. And I paid for it last week. It took me an hour to get out of bed on Wednesday morning. And when I finally managed to get to the coffee machine I noted with some alarm that my eyes were even with the countertop. I looked like the second guy on that anthropology chart. You know the guy. The hunchback pictured just before Australopithecus Spina Bifida (sic) on the evolutionary scale.

Friends around town were giving me strange looks as I limped down Highland Street on Wednesday afternoon.

"My god, Gavan?" one of my cronies asked. "What happened to you? Did you fall off the roof?"

"No," I replied.

"You look terrible," another said. "Hip replacement?"

"No," I said. "I'm fine."

I limped on, toward Home Hardware.

I was stopped several times.

"Gavan!" said a tennis crony. "Did you fall off your bike again?"

"No!" I said.

In the pharmacy I endured more embarrassing prattle.

"Terrance, what's wrong with you? Is your back out? I have this book called 'Chicken Soup for the Weak-Spined Soul' and I think it might help." Then he grabbed my arm and guided me to the pharmacy door.

There is no power on earth that will coerce me into admitting that my body could get so bent out of shape by participation in a game of... curling! So I



Skip Terry Roche delivers during mixed curling action last Wednesday at the Haliburton Curling Club. /Terrance Gavan.

took the low road. I lied.

By Friday? I was hurting less and talking more.

"Terry what happened?"

"I fell out of a maple tree, picking apples," I said.

"But Terry," they said. "Apples don't grow on Maples."

"See," I said. "Where the hell were you before I climbed that bloody tree?"

So I'm old. And I curl. Ten years ago I laughed at people like me. Not anymore. This week I curled three nights running. Great way to get into shape and you know what?

The Haliburton Curling Club is a great way to spend the winter. I came back to curling two seasons ago, 20 years after my last serious run at curling. I was greeted with open arms – well until the members figured that I was a chatterbox – and a full slate of games.

I'm not writing to sell you on the sport. But every year we get new members and every year I watch them grow. And I get to meet a bunch of fit, sound and absolutely charming seniors.

We have men and women in Haliburton still throwing

rocks well into their eighties.

That tells me something. I watched Jack Cox (87) sweeping a rock into the house on Tuesday night and I turned to one of the new members.

"Watch that guy sweep, Marty," I said. "That's Jack and he's 87 years old."

Marty just stared. "Wow."

So, if you'd like to come out and get a feeling for the local curling club? Show up early on Sunday. Throw a few rocks with some of the coaches that will be there volunteering their time.

There's a special membership rate for new members. And if it's too late to get started for the fall draw?

Talk to one of the club members and they'll give you loads of information about the winter-spring session.

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Sports news

Hoop Hawks improving with every game

By Terrance Gavan

Walter Tose is neither shy nor, apparently, retiring.

Tose, a long-time Haliburton Highlands Secondary School teacher, mentor and coach, left teaching a few years back.

But, he's never really left Hal High. Since his retirement Tose has found plenty of time to enjoy life, travel some, but more importantly he's been able to spend quality time with his family.

He's also found time to indulge a few of his more esoteric passions. Walt, along with fellow retiree Paul Morrisette, helped to build the infrastructure of a very healthy and successful track and field program at Hal High.

Tose is still available, when called, to assist new track coach Bruce Griffith with the throwers. For the past three years Tose has also been assisting long-time basketball coach Roland Zilla.

This year Tose stepped into the fray in earnest, volunteering to coach Hal High's senior varsity girls hoops squad. For the first

time in recent memory the Hawks were not able to field a junior team. Thus 12 young women carry the torch for fall hoops this season.

Tose is a positive influence and that's a good thing because these girls have encountered only one exhibition win to date this season. In high school, every year is a rebuilding year and Tose is working with a very young squad.

"We've made steady progress since our first few games," says Tose. "We were losing by 10 or 12 points per game at the start of the season. We've had only that one win against Gravenhurst in a tournament."

"It's a great group of girls and they're working really hard. They never quit. We have 12 games in the season and we've played seven. In our first game against St Thomas Aquinas we lost by 12 (28-16) but in that second game (last week) against St. Thomas the score was much closer (25-20). I knew we'd have a better game because I've seen real improvement since the start of the season."

The Hawks have five more games

remaining in their season and Tose is confident that there are a few wins out there. "We lost 29-26 against Fenelon and we have a shot at beating them in the next game," says Tose. "Brock was a 12 point winner but we get to play them again in the last game of the season, and they are our toughest AA opponent."

Tose adds that, "the story has been improvement going from defense to offense and we now have a zone press that we run and it's been very effective. We're able to steal the ball, but it's our inability to score in transition off the steal, to put points on the board that hurts us. One game we created six turnovers but could not convert on any of those steals."

Tose is quick to point out that those things, taking the ball strong to the hoop in transition are teachable.

"They're becoming better at understanding the type of offense we're trying to run," says Tose. "But we haven't been able to get over that 30 point barrier." It helps that the Hawks scrambling defense is led by hustling ball hawks Maia O'Sullivan, Casey Pringle and

Bailey Walker.

Jessica Rider is still running the floor from the point position, but Tose would like to get Rider placed up front and have Walker or O'Sullivan run point. He says that Carley Shaw, Tessa Iles, Megan Lapierre, Kate Deniston, Jaimie Dack, Kirstie Cook and Kayla Shore have all made progress over the season.

Alex Litwin is the lone grade 10 on the young squad and Tose says that she's added to the mix and fits in nicely with the older girls.

For now, it's called learning on the fly. The Hawks are adding eggs to the omelet along the way, but it's a lamentably short season.

"We're focusing on offense and making sure they understand what we're doing," says Tose. "The girls are shooting, rebounding and boxing out much better than at the beginning of the year. They're learning and improving."

The Hawks play at home on Wednesday Oct 19 next week.

Arts news



Haliburton Concert Series presents project Aria

By Terrance Gavan

*Project Aria – Haliburton Concert Series
Northern Lights Pavilion of the Performing Arts
Saturday, Oct 15 at 7:30 PM*

The Haliburton Concert Series knocks around the periphery of the music scene here in Haliburton.

They stick to a schedule – three concerts per season – and they run their programs with workmanlike precision.

Tomorrow night the Series ends another successful season with a superb concert.

Project Aria is a trio featuring Guy Few, Leslie Fagan, and Stephanie Mara.

Haliburton Concert Series describes them thus: "Incredible musicians who will bring you Bach, Handel, Greer, Mendelssohn, Mozart, and Scarlatti in a sparkling evening, full of delight and fun."

"Leslie is a coloratura soprano with Carnegie Hall appearances to her credit. Guy is a trumpeter and pianist and performs more than 80 concerts each year in North America. Stephanie has been a collaborative pianist with a wide variety of renowned musicians. Together, the three are electric."

Sports news

They toil in anonymity buried in the woods

But Red Hawk field hockey remains a churning juggernaut

By Terrance Gavan

Ten bucks if you can answer the question: Where exactly is the Haliburton High field hockey pitch?

Okay, so don't think I'm actually going to pay off on that bet. But you get the idea.

In spite of successive winning seasons, huge success over the past decade and some stellar performances from Red Hawk players on provincial teams, the women's field hockey squads – yes there are two: varsity and the developmental B squad– toil in virtual anonymity.

They are the Rodney Dangerfields of Hal High.

Psst? Don't tell coaches Caley Sisson and Steve Smith that. Wait. Go ahead. See, they don't care, and in some ways they prefer it.

Sisson and Smith are happy with their stealthy programs. For instance, did you know that Smith's varsity B-Club has won the Kawartha championship three years running? They have. What about COSSA, you ask? Well, varsity B doesn't have a COSSA playoff – yet. But if it did? They'd be a contender there too.

Oh, and I get a schedule every year from the high school. Guess who's listed as the Junior Varsity coach on the sked? Ryan Merritt. Guess what? Steve Smith couldn't care less. Yesterday on the pitch, we had a chance to track the coaching staff down during a practice. Smith just laughed. "The girls know who's coaching them," said Smith.

The junior varsity went 3-0 in the annual Turkey Tournament held on Tuesday this week. They are undefeated (2-0-1) in league play. Small wonder. The varsity Bs pack a punch. A strong junior infrastructure keeps Sisson's varsity club well stocked. They went undefeated through the entire season last year. But lost in a sudden death playoff in Kawartha zones. Thus you will find Sisson candidly mum on the subject of playoffs this season.

This is a tandem team effort. These two teams shine beneath the aura of mutual respect. Smith's girls are happy waiting for their chance while compiling eye-popping stats.

The junior Hawks won Tuesday's Turkey



Sandy Griffith (center) had numerous scoring chances and Hawks carried the play but the game against Adam Scott ended in a 0-0 tie. /Photo Terrance Gavan.

Tourney without giving up a goal (1-0, 8-0 and 5-0).

Sisson's varsity squad is 3-0 this season. They were narrowly defeated in the semi-finals of an Ottawa exhibition tournament held earlier in the season. Their dominance in three league games has been almost palpable and certainly their prowess on offense remains non-pareil in Kawartha. Of course we said all this last season too. Sisson is stressing that one-step-at-a-time paradigm this season. Kawartha zones are sudden death affairs and seasonal dominance thereby may be flushed, along with the stat sheets, right down the biffy.

Bancroft's North Hastings is a club that dogs the dreams of both coaches. On Tuesday Smith's club beat Bancroft 1-0 at the Turkey Shoot.

Sisson is quick to point out that the Hastings team that showed up did not include their six

senior players.

Bancroft's varsity was supposed to hang about for an exhibition game, but that game was cancelled by the Bancroft coach, adding fuel to speculation that the Bancroft coach may be indulging Sisson in a chess match of sorts.

North Hastings and the Hawks endure a rivalry that doesn't quite match the touch and go between JayZ and Kanye, but it's close.

Sisson says she was ready to play North Hastings last Tuesday, but she shrugs and says that showdown will have to wait for another day. Usually that other day comes via a COSSA sudden death match-up on a blustery pitch.

And if it does?

Well, advantage Haliburton, because Hal High is hosting the COSSA tourney this year.

Just under the wire: The senior varsity tied 0-0 with Adam Scott yesterday afternoon (Oct. 13).

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Quotations due by 3:00p.m., Thursday, October 20, 2011.



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We thank all applicants for their interest, however only those candidates chosen for interviews will be contacted.

The weather

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high 15° low 8° & cloudy with showers



Monday

high 10° low 4° & scattered showers



Saturday

high 9° low 7° & light rain



Tuesday

high 12° low 3° & scattered showers



Sunday

high 11° low 6° & cloudy with showers



Wednesday

high 9° low 6° & scattered showers



Events page

Minden & District Horticultural Society's

Annual General Meeting, Nov 1, 2011 at 7 pm

Election of officers – please come and vote for your next executive.

Guest speaker will be **KAREN SLOAN from Wall Flower Studio** – Decorative wreaths from dried flowers at the

Minden Community Centre, Park St. Minden

Treats of the month – “Pumpkin Fest”

for more info call 705 447 0151 or Gwen 705 286 4090

Please note this is our final meeting for 2011 but

be sure to join us again on Sat. Feb 4

to begin our new exciting season.

All welcome – hope to see you there...

Annual & General Meeting of the Haliburton County Community Radio Association Canoe FM

November 17, 2010

At 6:30 p.m.

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And finally

Heart & Stroke's Big Bike comes to Haliburton



The Heart & Stroke Big Bike at last year's Peterborough fundraiser.

By Will Jones

The Big Bike, and by that I mean one longer than your average pick-up truck, is coming to Haliburton.

This pedal-powered fund raiser for the Heart & Stroke Foundation will hopefully be gracing the streets of Haliburton on May 11th next year, following a request by the charity to Dysart et al council during its general meeting on October 11th.

Victoria Thomson, program coordinator for the Heart & Stroke Foundation, outlined the scenario to council, stating that local businesses and organisations will be invited to put together teams of up to 29 people to take turns to ride the Big Bike in return for pledges to the charity.

Thomson asked that the council help with planning a safe local route of approximately 3 km and assist in traffic calming measures such as a rolling road block as the bike makes its way around the circuit on the day of the event.

"We need your help to make this happen but I hope you'll think it worth it," she said. "We had a great response from

other towns last year including Peterborough, Lindsay, Port Hope, Coburg, Woodville and Campbellford. All the teams involved had a great time and we raised over \$150,000 in total."

Reeve Murray Fearrey pursed his lips and asked, "How are you on hills?"

Laughing, Thomson acknowledged that a level course would perhaps be preferred. Councillor Andrea Roberts suggested a route around the village starting at the town dock, taking in York Street and Pine Avenue, before coming down Highland Street.

"We have already spoken to some businesses during the summer," continued Thomson, "and we got a really positive response. We don't know exactly how many teams we'd have yet but people seemed really supportive."

She went on to explain that groups undertaking the 20 minute ride often find it a real team building experience. In addition, the Heart & Stroke Foundation offers prizes ranging from a t-shirt to an iPod Shuffle, depending upon the amount of money raised by individuals.

Reeve Fearrey stated that he believed that the council would support such an event and asked that the foundation pick up the ball when a resolution had been passed. The response from Thomson was a wholehearted yes.

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